

REMARKS

The present Amendment is made in response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2008. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 17 to incorporate the recitation of claim 21. Accordingly, claim 21 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 22 has been amended in view of the amendment to claim 17 and cancellation of claim 21. Claim 24 has been amended to properly depend from claim 18. Claim 25 has been amended to clarify the structure which forms the air evacuating means. Claim 26 has been amended to correct a grammatical error. Claims 30-32 have been amended to now claim from claim 17. Claims 28 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice. Favorable reconsideration of all of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 21 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As expressed above, claim 17 has been amended to include the recitation of claim 21. Accordingly, claim 17 should now be allowed. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from claim 17. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance.

In order to expedite allowance of this case, Applicants have canceled claims 28 and 29 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these and similar claims in a continuation application to be filed at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully urged that all of the present claims of the application are patentable and in a condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at 310-824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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